

INFORMED CONSENT FOR THE USE OF PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION

WHEN: Whenever psychotropic medication is prescribed.

ON WHOM: All clients receiving psychotropic medication.

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MODE OF COMPLETION: Legibly handwritten on HHSA:MHS-005 or HHSA:MHS-006 (Spanish Version)

REQUIRED ELEMENTS: State law defines informed consent as the voluntary consent of the client to take psychotropic medication after the physician has reviewed the following with him/her:

- Explanation of the nature of the mental problem and why psychotropic medication is being recommended.
- The general type (antipsychotic, antidepressant, etc.) of medication being prescribed and the medication's specific name.
- The dose, frequency and administration route of the medication being prescribed.
- What situations, if any, warrant taking additional medications.
- How long it is expected that the client will be taking the medication.
- Whether there are reasonable treatment alternatives.
- Documentation of "informed consent" to take psychotropic medication. A new form is to be completed:
 - When a new or different type of medication is prescribed.
 - When the client resumes taking medication following a documented withdrawal of consent.